

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 25, 2009. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 38-45 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1-37 have been cancelled by Applicant. Claims 1, 3-11 and 30-37 are rejected and claims 38-45 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Applicant has canceled the rejected claims and requests allowance of the claim indicated allowable by the Examiner.

Double Patenting

Claim 30-37 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claims 1, 3, 5-9 and 11. Applicant has canceled claims 1-37 without prejudice.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-5, 9-10, 30-32 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Henderson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,157) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041) and *Adachi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0134512) and *Shinabara* (U.S. Patent No. 4,788,994).

Applicant has canceled the rejected claims.

Claims 6-8 and 33-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Henderson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,157) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041) and *Adachi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0134512) and *Shinabara* (U.S. Patent No. 4,788,994) as applied to claim 1 above, further in view of *Mayer et al.* (US. Patent No. 6,537,416).

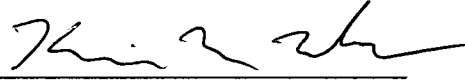
Applicant has canceled the rejected claims.

Claims 11 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Henderson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,157) in view of *Anderson et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,851,041) and *Adachi et al.* (U.S. Publ. No. 2002/0134512) and *Shinabara* (U.S. Patent No. 4,788,994) as applied to claim 1 above, further in view of *Kurihara et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,820,685).

Applicant has canceled the rejected claims.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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